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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Sacramento – Former Sacramento College Student Pleads Guilty to Aiding Syrian Terror Group**

(U) A former American River College student has pleaded guilty to charges of aiding a terrorist organization after earlier arguing he was entitled to immunity because he hooked up with the kind of Syrian rebels the US has backed. Aws Mohammed Younis Al-Jayab, 25, admitted in a plea agreement to flying from Chicago to Turkey in 2013, then traveling to Syria. The agreement says he joined Ansar Al-Islam, a precursor to ISIS. The agreement calls for a prison sentence of up to 15 years.

SOURCE: 2 November 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) San Francisco – FBI Confirms Second Suspicious Package Sent to Tom Steyer

(U) The FBI on Friday said it had recovered a second suspicious package addressed to California billionaire Tom Steyer, a Democrat known for funding ads calling for the impeachment of President Donald Trump. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said it recovered a package Thursday night that was similar to other recently mailed parcel bombs to prominent Democrats and critics of Trump. A 56-year-old Florida man, Cesar Sayoc, has been arrested and charged with mailing 15 pipe bombs. Law enforcement officials have warned Sayoc may have mailed other parcels before his arrest that could still be working their way through the US postal system.

SOURCE: 2 November 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – Gunman Kills Two, Self at Yoga Studio**

(U) Tallahassee – A gunman opened fire in a Florida yoga studio on Friday, shooting six people and killing two of them before class members fought back and the attacker killed himself, police and authorities said. Authorities said they do not know why Scott Beierle, 40, opened fire on Friday after posing as a customer to join the class at the Hot Yoga studio in Tallahassee. Detectives are searching for links between him and the victims. Police said Beierle was a graduate of FSU who served in the military, and that he had been the subject of calls to authorities in the Tallahassee area “related to harassment of young women.”

SOURCE: 3 November 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Utah Mayor, Deployed To Afghanistan, Killed in Insider Attack**

(U) Kabul – The mayor of a Utah city was killed in the Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday in an apparent insider attack, the state’s lieutenant governor said. The death of Brent Taylor, mayor of North Ogden and a member of the Utah National Guard, was confirmed by Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox. “Initial reports indicate the attacker was a member of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces. Initial reports also indicate the attacker was immediately killed by other Afghan Forces,” the mission said in a statement.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Egypt – Security Forces Report 19 Militants Killed After Attack on Christians**

(U) Minya – Egyptian security forces killed 19 Islamist militants from a cell believed to be responsible for an attack on Christians in Minya province in central Egypt in which seven people died, the interior ministry said yesterday. ISIS claimed responsibility for Friday's attack in Minya when gunmen targeted two buses near the Monastery of St. Samuel the Confessor, 160 miles south of Cairo. ISIS did not provide any evidence to back up its claim of responsibility, one of several in recent years as Egypt's Christian minority has been repeatedly targeted.

SOURCE: 4 November 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pakistan – ‘Father of Taliban’ Mullah Sami ul-Haq Killed in Pakistan

(U) Islamabad – Muslim cleric Sami ul-Haq, known as the “Father of the Taliban” for having taught some of the Afghan Islamist movement's leaders, was found killed Friday in Pakistan, a relative and his deputy said. Unknown attackers killed the cleric, who ran an Islamic seminary in northwestern Pakistan and was seen as a possible intermediary in talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. There were conflicting reports of exactly how he was killed and why his bodyguard and driver were apparently not there to defend him at the time of the attack.

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